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Training and Readiness Manual

Due to the fielding of the E-TRHS, the future procurement of the EFK, and findings of the Food Service Study a comprehensive review of the Training and Readiness Manual was conducted during the OPT held in February 2007 at Fort Lee. The T&RM changes were validated and submitted to TECOM. The T&RM with recommended changes for Ch-1 will be staffed to the MarFor's by TECOM in May 2007. The T&RM with Ch-1 should be signed and published by 1 October 2007.

W.P.T. Hill Awards

The Marine Corps Bulletin announcing the award procedures is in the staffing process. It is projected to be signed NLT 4 May 2007. Once signed, It will be forwarded to ALCON.

Defense Supply Center Philadelphia Customer Conference

The DSCP conference will be held on 19 and 20 June 2007. The Food Service Symposium will be held on 21 and 22 June 2007. Registration deadline for the DSCP conference is fast approaching. Ensure you register as soon as possible IOT prevent complications with your hotel accommodations. Additionally, if you have a presentation for the Symposium, please forward to Capt. Kohler NLT 15 May 2007 so that we can get the briefs reporduced for the Symposium.

Food Service Symposium

MCFMIS Update

As we continue to migrate to the upgraded Windows version of the software, we ask for your continued patience as users familiarize themselves with the new processes involved in the use of the new software. As of 30 April 2007, all Windows MCFMIS users are operating on the Navy Annex server. We have resumed the implementation of the MCFMIS update, effective 1 May 2007. Please contact your local Food Team OIC for command specific implementation dates.

Support for the new software should be called in based on the following criteria.

Application Support

For application support on this system contact Computrition Support at (800)222-4458. A support representative will be ready to assist. These calls should be for issues relating to the running of the application itself.

Technical Support

Technical issues on the new system at the Navy Annex should be reported to Jim Davis at Computrition. These issues include problems such as unable to login, resetting Citrix passwords, and printing problems. These should be reported immediately. In the event Jim is un-available Howard Jones will assist in the technical support duties. They can be reached by calling the Support line at (800) 222-4458.

All other support issues should be directed to Ken Barnes at HQMC, LFS-4.

MCI Operations Officers

In conjunction with the CSS Migration, the billets for Operations Officers at Camp Lejeune (MCI East) and Camp Pendleton (MCI West) were realigned. Since the requirement for the an Operations Officer remains valid, MCI East has moved the FSO billet from Cherry Point, NC to Camp Lejeune and MCI West has moved the FSO billet at Miramar to Camp Pendleton.

RGFSC Update

- MCFMIS Upgrade Contract Modification. The modification was recently executed by the RCOs to incorporate the MCFMIS upgrade into the RGFSC. Thanks to all who made that effort come to fruition.
- Quality Assurance Surveillance Plan (QASP). Testing of the new QASP was conducted at Camp Lejeune from 1 February thru 31 March 2007. Testing at Camp Pendleton is scheduled to commence on 1 June 2007. Prior to CONUS-wide implementation, Government and Contractor representatives will conduct a review to incorporate lessons learned from the tests. CONUS-wide implementation is planned for late-Summer 2007.
- CONUS-wide Master Menu. The new Master Menu has been implemented at Camp Pendleton, MCRD San Diego and MCRD Parris Island. The new menu will be implemented at the remaining installations upon completion of the MCFMIS upgrade. This menu contains new concepts such as demonstration cooking, and is designed to address the preferences and needs of today's young Marines and Sailors.
- Upcoming RCO/RCOR/HQMC Working Group. The next working group is scheduled for September 2007 at Camp Pendleton. Please forward any requested agenda topics to the RCORs via your FSO/ACOR no later than 15 August 2007.
- Follow-on CONUS Food Service Acquisition. A kick-off meeting for the follow-on CONUS Food Service Acquisition Team was conducted with LFS-4, HQMC Contracts (LB) and HQMC Legal (CL) on 26 Apr 07. Agenda items included identification of working relationships, establishing reporting requirements and incorporating recent Undersecretary of Defense, Acquisitions, Technology & Logistics (USD-AT&L) and Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition (ASN-RD&A) guidance into the acquisition planning. The team will support the development of an acquisition plan and strategy, define performance needs, develop a performance work statement, identify commercial market business practices, potential service providers, obtain industry feedback on working documents, develop a Government Cost Estimate and determine the best methodology to assess contractor performance; all required components of the solicitation for the follow-on contracting effort.

EFK Statement of Need

The Statement of Need for the Expeditionary Field Kitchen was signed on 16 April 2007. The SON includes the AAO and fielding locations of the EFK. Click on the link below to review the SON for the EFK.

EFK Statement of Need

Flanges for TRHS

The flange kits for the Tray Ration Heating System tank will be shipped out within the next 10 days. Estimated delivery date of the flanges is NLT 31 May 2007 to all owning commands.

Commanders Update

The April 2007 issue of the Government Food Service magazine contained interviews with all Joint Food Service Directors. The interview with Major Weeks is provided below. The magazine can be viewed at http://www.ebmpubs.com/gfs_web.html

Interview with Major Weeks